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COVER PHOTO

The award winning Young Farmers and their wives are shown, left to right, Phil and Kay Smith, Landrum; Brady and Cornelia Bouknight, Irmo; Ray and Janis Galloway, Darlington; and Todd and Margie Arant, Bowman. (See story page 4.)

NOTES from the Executive Secretary



TO FUTURE FARMERS

by J. Earl Frick, Jr.

National FFA President James Bodie from Geary, Oklahoma will attend our 1977 State FFA Convention June 8-10, at Clemson University. Our state association will be celebrating the Fiftieth Golden Anniversary with this year's convention. Plan now to have at least two official delegates plus all contest and awards winners from your chapter represented at this Golden Anniversary Convention. The state officers are making preparations to insure that this state convention will be the best ever.

Be sure to submit all contest and awards applications, both chapter and individual, to your district consultant through your local FFA advisor. Your advisor will assist you in completing and mailing the applications which you are qualified to participate in.

Every year our attendance has been increasing at the Chapter Officers Leadership Conference. This year's conference will be held June 21-24, at the Cherry Grove FFA Camp, North Myrtle Beach. Your advisor will receive specific information concerning this leadership conference in May. Make plans now to attend to improve your leadership skills.

Your attendance is also needed at the FFA camp during the regular camping periods which will be held the first three weeks in June. This is an excellent opportunity to spend a full week of fellowship, fun and learning activities with fellow FFA members from throughout the state.

Be prepared and ready to participate in the many activities which the FFA organization has to offer.

TO YOUNG FARMERS

By Hugh P. McClimon

The South Carolina Association was well represented at the 10th National Young Farmer Educational Institute in Denver where Colorado Young Farmers were outstanding hosts. The next Institute will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, December 11-14 and Missouri received the bid for 1978. More members should plan to participate this year and see agriculture in the "Bluegrass State."

The 29th Annual Convention was very successful with an excellent program and presentation of awards to recognize members for outstanding achievements. Committee reports were approved and chapters should make every effort to carry out all activities. The committee on Contest and Awards recommended that each chapter fill out an application in the Chapter Contest and at least one other area in order to remain in good standing. The Contest and Awards Program is approved to continue on the same basis. The Executive Committee is already planning the next convention. Suggestions would be welcomed and considered by the committee.

Membership dues for 1977 should be submitted as soon as possible in advance of the May 31st due date in order for members to participate in the Contest and Awards Program. Chapters are urged to recruit new members throughout the year and additional dues may be submitted at any time.

The 3rd Annual Summer Farm Tour is being planned for the Pee Dee Area with the Darlington Chapter as host. Look for additional information as final plans and arrangements are made.

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S. C. Young Farmers Gather For Annual Convention



Columbia's mayor pro tem William C. Ouzts, was on hand to give South Carolina Young Farmers, wives, advisors, and guests a cordial welcome to the city of Columbia. The occasion was the 29th annual convention of the S. C. Association of Young Farmers.

The 29th annual convention of the S. C. Association of Young Farmers got underway with a luncheon for past presidents, state officers, officer candidates, state executive committee members and their wives, and state staff, at the Sheraton Columbia Inn. The official session of the two-day convention was opened with a cordial welcome to Columbia by Mayor Pro Tem William C. Ouzts. Highlighting the opening session was an "estate planning" symposium featuring Dr. W. A. Tinsley, professor of agricultural economics, Clemson University, who led a most interesting and informative discussion of changes in "estate tax laws," and Dr. D. B. Smith, associate professor, agricultural economics, Clemson University, led a timely discussion on "insurance for the farm business." Completing the afternoon program was a presentation by Dr. J. E. Faris, head of the agricultural economics department, Clemson University, who presented pertinent and important facts concerning international trade and the U. S. agricultural outlook, a topic which concerns every Young Farmer in the country.

The Farmerette program got underway with a welcome from Sharon DeWitt, wife of President Theron DeWitt. Guests were introduced by Pat Beer, wife of President-Elect Allen Beer. Door prizes were awarded by Maida Dantzler, Marcia Mitchell, Linda Rogers, and Anne Reeves. Following the introductions a most interesting program was presented by Susan Derrick, of the Rocky Creek Garden Center in Irmo, on "Let's Make Terrariums." She was introduced and assisted by Mrs. Peggie Davis from the S. C. Department of Agriculture.

Following the afternoon session Young Farmers, wives, friends, guests and sponsors gathered for the annual Awards Banquet to honor the Association's coveted Young Farmer of



Rev. Herbert A. Dunlap of Batesburg was the guest speaker for the Young Farmer awards banquet. Rev. Dunlap is a noted minister and after-dinner speaker. His stories and homespun humor delighted the 375 Young Farmers and guests in attendance.

(Rev. Dunlap appeared courtesy Pioneer Hi-Bred, Inc.)

the Year, which is traditionally the high point of the convention and banquet session. Presentation of other awards in areas of overall chapter achievement, farm and home electrification, soybean production, and corn production, were also made during the banquet.

Following the awards Rev. Herbert A. Dunlap of Batesburg delighted those present with his stories and homespun humor.

The final session was held on Saturday morning and featured the presentation of membership and attendance awards. The Gilbert chapter was recognized for having the largest percentage increase in membership for 1976, C. P. Shealy, Jr., president, and J. A. Cunningham, advisor. St. George chapter, J. C. Reeves, president, and M. C. Baker, advisor, was recognized for having the largest number increase in membership for 1976. The attendance award went to the St. John's chapter, Darlington, Keith Williamson, president, and G. S. McKenzie, advisor. Jack E. Cummings, representing Southern Grain and Storage Distributors, Ruffin, presented the awards on behalf of his company, annual sponsor of the three awards.

President Theron DeWitt recognized special donors to the Young Farmer program in South Carolina. Charles Stancil of Berea, state president of the S. C. Association of Future Farmers of America, brought greetings from his organization. G. Bryan Patrick, Jr., Commissioner of the S. C. Department of Agriculture, addressed the group. Allen Beer, President-Elect from Chester, gave an illustrated color slide presentation on the second annual summer Young Farmer tour. A report on the National Young Farmer Educational Institute was given by Doug Reeves, past state president from St. George. The very interesting report was illustrated with colored slides.

Election of officers to lead the Association in 1977 came at the end of the closing session.

CONVENTION

WINNERS RECOGNIZED AT AWARDS BANQUET

Top Young Farmers 1976



The outstanding Young Farmers for 1976 were recognized during the recent S. C. Young Farmer Convention held in Columbia. The award winning Young Farmers and their wives are shown, left to right, Phil and Kay Smith, Progressive Chapter, Landrum (H. B. Waldrop, advisor); Brady and Cornelia Bouknight, Irmo Chapter (E. J. Butler, advisor); Ray and Janis Galloway, Darlington Chapter (G. S. McKenzie, advisor); and Todd and Margie Arant, Bowman Chapter (H. L. Beach, advisor).

The awards were presented on behalf of The Federal Land and Federal Intermediate Credit Banks of Columbia and Pro-

duction Credit Association of South Carolina, by Dr. R. A. Darr, right, President of the sponsoring organizations.

These awards are designed to recognize Young Farmers throughout the state who have made outstanding progress toward becoming successfully established in farming. Establishment of a home, participation in Young Farmer activities, and outstanding leadership qualities and activities are also considered.

The district winners received an engraved tray and \$100 cash; the state winner an engraved bowl and \$300 cash.

Blue Ribbon Chapters



Representatives of the top Young Farmer chapters in South Carolina for 1976 were on hand to receive awards at the recent Young Farmer Convention in Columbia. District winning representatives are, left to right: Lynn Knight, Bowman chapter (H. L. Beach, advisor); Charles L. Poole, Pelion chapter, (Freddie Waltz, advisor); Joe Dean Smith, Progressive chapter, Landrum (H. B. Waldrop, advisor); and Keith Williamson, Darlington chapter (G. S. McKenzie, advisor). The Darlington chapter was selected as the state winner in the Young Farmer chapter contest for 1976. District winners received engraved plaques and \$100. The state winner received \$200 cash additional and a state plaque.

Awards were presented by Frank Gilleland on behalf of Gold Kist, Inc., Atlanta, Ga. Gold Kist sponsors this award to encourage local chapters throughout the state to plan and conduct challenging programs for all members.

AWARDS BANQUET

Electrification Winners



Recipients in the 1976 S. C. Young Farmer Association's farm and home electrification awards are shown, left to right: district winners, Johnson B. Martin, Jr., Pendleton chapter (Royce Caines and George Reed, advisors); D. W. Pendarvis, Bowman chapter (H. L. Beach, advisor); and state winner Marshall Flowers, Darlington chapter (G. S. McKenzie, advisor). Earl P. Glasscock, Jr., Director of Agricultural Development, S. C. Electric and Gas Company, Denmark, presented the awards on behalf of Duke Power, Carolina Power and Light, and S. C. Electric and Gas Companies, sponsors of the award. The state winner received \$200 cash and an engraved plaque; district winners \$100 cash and an engraved plaque.

District winner Richard C. Harper, Jr., York chapter (W. S. Wilkins, advisor) was absent when the picture was made.

The companies sponsor the awards to encourage Young Farmers throughout the state to make the best and most efficient use of electrical power in their farming operations.

Soybean Champs

Top producers in the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers 5-Acre Soybean Contest were honored recently at the Association's annual convention in Columbia. Shown, left to right, are district winners, Gerald Cromer, Saluda chapter (W. A. Whitfield, advisor), yield 40.06 bu./acre; Jack Johnson, Pelion chapter (Freddie Waltz, advisor), yield 35.2 bu./acre; Keith Williamson, Darlington chapter (G. S. McKenzie, advisor), yield 33.67 bu./acre; and state winner Jimmy Brown, Colleton County chapter (Michael T. Lish, advisor), yield 56.31 bu./acre. Far right, Roy Atkinson, Agronomist with FCX, Inc., Sumter, presented the awards on behalf of the sponsoring organization.

FCX sponsors this competition to encourage Young Farmers throughout the state to increase soybean yields through the use of high quality seed, adequate fertilization, and improved agricultural practices.



CONVENTION

Corn Winners



Top Young Farmer corn producers in the 1976 S. C. Young Farmer 3-Acre Corn Contest are all smiles after receiving engraved plaques and cash awards from Marion D. Hawkins, Sales Manager for Coker's Pedigreed Seed Co., Hartsville. District winners received a plaque and \$50 cash; the state winner a plaque and \$100 cash. Shown, left to right, Tolbert Mitchell, Saluda, 153.63 bu./acre (W. A. Whitfield, advisor); Wayne Kneese, Pelion 119.4 bu./acre (Freddie Waltz, advisor); Wayne Martin, Darlington 148.08 bu./acre (G. S. McKenzie, advisor); and state winner Sammy Wiles, Bowman, 181.00 bu./acre (H. L. Beach, advisor).

Coker's sponsors this competition to encourage Young Farmers to increase corn yield through the use of high quality seed, adequate fertilization and improved agricultural practices.

FFA President Speaks



Charles Stancil from Berea, state president of the S. C. Association of Future Farmers, brought greetings from his organization.

Ladies Program



The ladies program featured "Let's Make Terrariums." Peggie Davis, left, of the S. C. Department of Agriculture, and Susan Derrick, of the Rocky Creek Garden Center in Irmo, demonstrate how to make terrariums. Each of the ladies attending actually made a terrarium during this session.



Susan Derrick, of the Rocky Creek Garden Center in Irmo, hands a door prize to an excited winner during the Young Farmers ladies program.



Shown above at the self-service ice cream bar, furnished by the Dairy Division of the S. C. Farm Bureau, is T. J. Hart, right, advisor of the Holly Hill Young Farmer chapter. All in attendance enjoyed the refreshments before sessions and during breaks.

CONVENTION



Dr. W. A. Tinsley, professor of agricultural economics, Clemson University, addressed the opening session of the S. C. Young Farmers' 29th annual convention on changes in "estate tax laws."



G. Bryan Patrick, Jr., Commissioner of the S. C. Department of Agriculture, is shown addressing the final session of the two-day Young Farmer convention.

1977 State Leaders Elected



Officers elected to serve the S. C. Association of Young Farmers during 1977 are shown, left to right: Allen Beer, Richburg, President; Walter Dantzler, Holly Hill, President-Elect; and Vice Presidents Tolbert Mitchell, Saluda; C. Eugene Berry, Jr., Batesburg; Cecil M. Rogers, Lake View; and Landy Weathers, Bowman. Not present when picture was made were Past President Theron L. DeWitt, Jr., Darlington; Executive Secretary Hugh P. McClimon, Anderson; and Advisor Frank R. Stover, Columbia. The election came at the closing session of the group's annual convention held in Columbia in January.

1976 Young Farmer of the Year



Dr. R. A. Darr, right, presented the 1976 Young Farmer of the Year award at the annual convention of the S. C. Association of Young Farmers in Columbia in January. This picture shows Dr. Darr introducing Todd and Margie Arant to those assembled at the awards banquet.

The awards were presented on behalf of The Federal Land and Federal Intermediate Credit Banks of Columbia and Production Credit Association of South Carolina, by Dr. Darr, President of the sponsoring organizations.

NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE



Young Farmers and wives shown above represented the S. C. Young Farmer Association at the 10th National Young Farmer Educational Institute in Denver, Colorado. Shown, left to right, are: front row, Fredda Taylor, Janis Galloway, Linda Rogers, Sharon DeWitt, Truitte Felder, Marcia and Tolbert Mitchell of Saluda; second row, R. F. Taylor of Lake View, Marshall Flowers and Ray Galloway, both of Darling-

ton, Louise Austin, Pat Nance, Gayle Shuler, Todd and Margie Arant of Bowman; fourth row, Brady and Cornelia Bouknight of Irmo, Timrod Austin of Bowman, Danny Nance of Lake View, Gene Berry of Batesburg, Robert Shuler of Bowman, and Hugh P. McClimon of Anderson. Also attending but absent when picture was taken were Larry and Pauline Patrick of Bowman.

Members of the Colorado Young Farmer Association hosted and conducted an outstanding Institute at the tenth annual National Young Farmer Educational Institute in Denver, with more than 1030 persons attending from 25 states represented. There were three or four new states represented this year that hopefully will continue to participate in the future.

Theron DeWitt and Cecil Rogers represented South Carolina on the National Executive Committee which is the governing body of the Institute.

Tolbert Mitchell represented the S. C. Association in the "Spokesman for Agriculture" Award Program sponsored by Elanco and as state winner received a \$100 cash award. Tolbert gave an excellent presentation as an effort to explain and promote agriculture to a consumer audience.

The program, with the theme "One Decade of

Education," included outstanding speakers, farm tours, entertainment and educational exhibits which provided an opportunity to gain new ideas and insights in the world of agriculture. Panels presented information on two important topics for the present and future — "Agricultural Financing" and "Marketing our Products." The western hospitality would not have been complete without a Buffalo Barbecue for lunch during the day of farm tours. One afternoon was available for optional tours to points of interest around the mile-high city area.

The next Institute is scheduled to be held December 11-14, 1977 at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky. Young farmers should plan to attend this Institute and see agriculture in the Bluegrass State. The delegates selected Missouri to host the Institute in 1978.

STATE PRESIDENT'S FAMILY HONORED



The Allen Beer family of Richburg were recognized as South Carolina's Young Farm Family and presented a plaque during the annual meeting of the S. C. Farmers Cooperative Council. The Beer family was chosen on the basis of its individual and collective contributions to farming and community life.

After serving in the Vietnam war, Allen Beer and his wife, Patricia, of Richburg, came back to his Chester County home farm in 1970 ready to farm and be of service to their community. In six short years their accomplishments and service on both fronts was impressive enough to win honors as the Young Rural Family of the Year in South Carolina. The selection by the S. C. Farmers Cooperative Council was announced in Columbia at its annual meeting.

They live a rewarding life in their renovated white farm home near Richburg, S. C. in the rolling countryside of Chester County. Allen calls farming a gamble but probably one of the greatest challenges a man can undertake. Aside from being independent and able to work for himself, one of the joys of farm life, he says, is working out of doors without being tied to a rigid schedule. "There is no real routine. I try to do what needs to be done when it needs doing," says Allen.

Both believe in civic and church work. Some of the leadership activities for Allen have included: vice president and president of the S. C. Association of Young Farmers, selection as District Young Farmer of the Year, served as chairman of the County Soil and Water District Commissioners, and chairman of the Board of Deacons at Hebron Presby-

terian Church. Pat has served as Sunday School teacher, treasurer of the Women of the Church, vice president of the Presbyterian Women of the area, and charter member in the Lewisville Jayceettes.

After his Vietnam service, Allen came back to the farm to go in partnership with his father on 700 acres. Since then he and Pat have acquired 217 acres of their own. They have also added two young sons, Bryan, 6, and James, 2.

The Beers are cattle and swine farmers. Their cattle herd includes about 65 brood cows. Calves are fed out on grain and grass to market weight of 800-1000 lbs. Their swine operation includes 25-30 brood sows. Pigs are fed out to market weight. In his spare time Allen markets a little pulpwood from the farm.

From these and many other activities it is apparent why the Beers were named as South Carolina's Young Rural Family of the Year.

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1976 PROGRAM OF WORK

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DARLINGTON YOUNG FARMER CHAPTER

1. Encourage all young farmers in each community to become members of the Young Farmer Chapter.
2. Promote participation in individual and chapter contests being sponsored by the State Young Farmers Association and sponsoring companies.
3. Encourage all outstanding rural youth to participate in vocational agriculture.
4. Encourage the development and expansion of markets for farm commodities.
5. Encourage cooperative activities such as group buying, processing and selling, community improvement, community services, etc.
6. Encourage Young Farmer members to cooperate with all county and local agencies.
7. Select a Program of Work Committee that will be responsible for planning and conducting the chapter program of activities.
8. Encourage the efficient production of crops and livestock through the use of improved farming practices.
9. Explore the possibilities of new agricultural enterprises.
10. Urge members to attend the state Convention.
11. Encourage farm ownership by making available information concerning farms or land available and credit sources.
12. Encourage members to assist in the present energy crisis by conserving all forms of energy wherever possible.
13. Encourage farm and home safety by promoting safety on the farm and in the farm home.
14. Encourage the improvement and beautification of the farm and home surroundings.
15. Encourage a sound conservation program for each farm including soil, water, forestry and wildlife.
16. Sponsor two recreational programs for farm families such as a family picnic and Christmas Ladies Night.
17. Encourage use of school community services such as shops, Career Center, etc.
18. Invite surrounding chapters to programs of special interest.
19. Encourage suggestions for improvement be made to the Executive Committee.
20. Chapter to have at least one community project each year.
21. Encourage all Young Farmer members to utilize the facilities of Clemson University and the State Department of Agriculture.
22. Cooperate with other Young Farmer chapters.
23. Encourage members to participate in Agri-Business tours.
24. Encourage employment of Future Farmers on a part-time basis.
25. Encourage each member to keep an adequate and accurate set of records on each enterprise for evaluation, tax purposes and ASCS programs.
26. Participate in the State conservation workshop by encouraging attendance and if possible sponsor an FFA member.
27. Chapter support the National Young Farmer Educational Institute by affiliation and by sending delegates to the National Institute.
28. Conduct farm tours of member farms or tour outstanding farms like Coker Seed Company.
29. Chapter to conduct a strong public relations program. Give publicity to contest winners and outstanding work.
30. Sponsor "FFA Night" by inviting FFA officers and contest winners to regular meeting.
31. Encourage Agri-Business firms to become an active participant in the Young Farmer chapter.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In addition to the above challenging program of work Darlington's winning Young Farmer chapter has six active standing committees: program of work, membership, publicity, community service, finance, and recreation. This information is printed here by popular request.

R. D. ANDERSON, RETIRED VOCATIONAL DIRECTOR, DIES



R. D. ANDERSON

R. D. Anderson, 70, of 124 LeWand Drive, retired director of vocational education of South Carolina, passed away Monday, February 14, at Richland Memorial Hospital in Columbia.

Mr. Anderson retired in 1968 as state director of vocational education with the S. C. Department of Education after 40 years of service in the field of education.

Mr. Anderson received his B.S. degree in agricultural education from Clemson University and his master of education degree from the University of South Carolina.

After graduating from Clemson, he taught agriculture for nine years and later served as district and state supervisor of vocational agricultural education before becoming state director of vocational education.

Additionally, Mr. Anderson was a leader in organizing the Future Farmers of America and the S. C. Young Farmers of America.

He also served as president of the Southern Regional Conference of Supervisors and Teacher Trainers for Agricultural Education, as a member of the board of directors of the National Association of Future Farmers of America and represented the southern states as incorporator of the FFA in 1949. Also, he represented the Southern Region on the First National Young Farmer Committee in 1950.

Mr. Anderson, known nationally for his work, introduced the concept of area vocational centers designed to serve more than one high school community with modern classrooms, laboratories and equipment.

Also, he was a pioneer in the development of these centers in South Carolina.

The new R. D. Anderson Vocational Center at Moore in Spartanburg County was named in his honor.

Mr. Anderson was a past president of the National Association of State Directors of Vocational Education and served from 1969 to 1972 as the association's first executive secretary.

Honors given Mr. Anderson include the American Vocational Association's 1965 Outstanding Service Award, the American Forestry Association's Educational Award, the Southern Regional Conference of Supervisors and Teacher Trainers' 1961 distinguished service award in agricultural education, the Distributive Education Clubs of America's 1950 outstanding service award, life membership in the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association in 1954 and the American Vocational Association in 1958.

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